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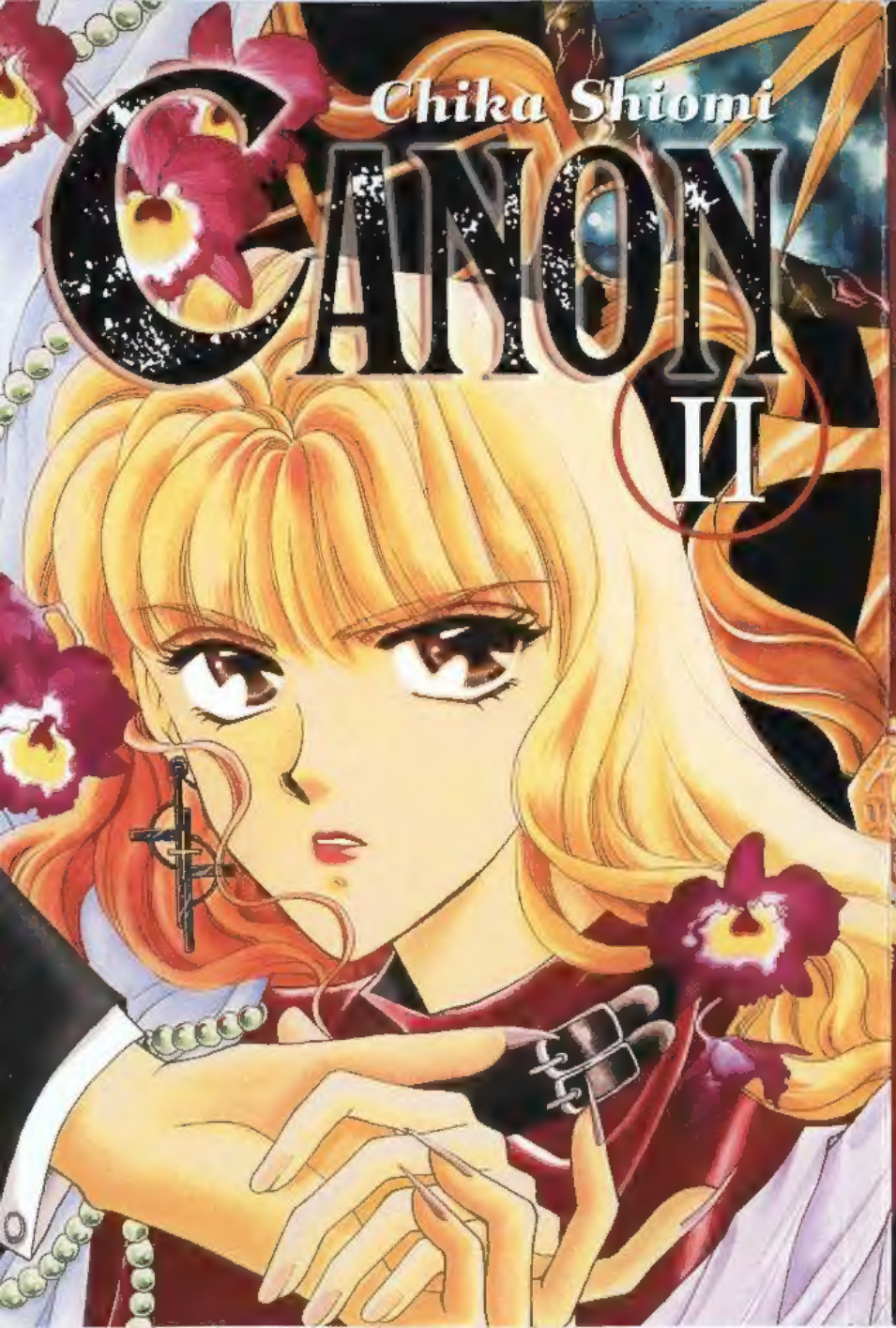

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Who is the real target of Canon's vengeance?

Canon's sole purpose has been to hunt for Rod, the vampire who killed 39 of her friends and turned her into one of the undead. But is that the real story? Repressed memories begin to surface and now Canon is confused about her true relationship with her avowed enemy. And where does this put Sakaki, Canon's new ally who is so intent on bringing down Rod himself?

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THAT'S RIGHT. HIS FATHER WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE...
TEN YEARS AGO...
...YOU WERE SENT TO DISPOSE OF A YOUNG BOY...A "HALF-BREED."
YES. WITH WHAT YOU DID TO HIM, HE SHOULD'VE. AND YET... HIS NAME WAS SAKAKI, CORRECT ?
HE SHOULD HAVE DIED.
SO...

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...YOU'RE ORDERING ME...
...TO KILL HIM AGAIN ?
ROD

I APOLOGIZE IF WHAT I DID MADE YOU EVEN MORE ENEMIES.
I DIDN'T THINK IT THROUGH AT THE TIME.
Well, at least you're considering the error of your ways?
WILL YOU FEEL SORRY FOR THEM AGAIN AND BEG ME NOT TO KILL?
IF YOU'RE RIGHT, WHAT THEN?
BUT THAT BEING SAID...
...FOR STOPPING YOU FROM KILLING HER.
...I'M NOT SORRY...
CHUCKLE
I DON'T CARE HOW MANY ENEMIES YOU HAVE, IT DOESN'T GET ANY LOWER...
...THAN MURDERING SOMEONE WHO CAN'T PUT UP A FIGHT!!

WHICH MEANS SHE'S HEADING BACK FOR A REMATCH.
THEY WEREN'T JUST REGULAR BATS?
NO WAY. THEY'RE THE SERVANTS OF THAT LADY VAMP WE ENCOUNTERED.
NOT JUST HER, I THINK.
THEY'RE ALL COMING, AREN'T THEY?
.....

HEY! HEY, CANON!
I'm not gonna be satisfied 'til I give this guy a piece of my mind!
WHAT?! I'M BUSY!
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO TWIST AROUND EVERYTHING I SAY ?!
THEY COULD BE ATTACKED BY A VAMPIRE DEATH SQUAD ANY MINUTE, BUT I DON'T SMELL WORRY AT ALL...
I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT...
...BUT MAYBE AFTER YOU FINISH YOUR BUSINESS WITH HER FIRST, HUH?
FOR SOME REASON, SHE'S ALONE.
EH...?
NOD
NOD
TAK

DON'T YOU GET IT, FREAK ?!
WELL, I MEANT IT AS AN INSULT! IF YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, I'M MAD AT YOU !!
Back off!
I'LL TAKE THAT...
...AS A COM-PLIMENT.
THE ONLY THING I DON'T EVER WANT TO BE CALLED IS A NICE GUY.
SAKA...
ALL RIGHT. I WON'T KILL ANY DEFENSE-LESS VAMPIRES.
!
I'LL KILL THEM WHILE THEY'VE STILL GOT SOME FIGHT LEFT.

FRANKLY, YOU SURPRISE ME.
YOU'RE A SERVANT...
...BUT SOMEHOW, YOU STILL MANAGE TO BE "HUMAN."
.....
OF COURSE.
WAIT!
THANK YOU... FOR TELLING ME.

TAK
TAK
YO! ARE YOU ALL HEALED UP?
LATER TONIGHT...
...MY COMRADES ARE COMING TO KILL HIM.
I DIDN'T TELL THEM ABOUT YOU...
...SO I ADVISE YOU TO GET FAR AWAY WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME.

NOW IT'S TOTALLY OPPOSITE !!
IF YOU STICK YOUR NECK OUT HERE, YOUR HEAD'S GONNA GET CHOPPED !!
YEAH, SAKAKI'S BEEN HELPFUL BEFORE, IN HIS OWN WAY...
...BUT IT'S NO SKIN OFF HIS NOSE! THAT S.O.B.'S STRONG!
HANGIN' OUT WITH HIM FOR A FEW DAYS DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE PART OF HIS VAMPIRIC INTIFADA!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ACTUALLY GONNA--?
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA ...
ARE YOU INSANE?
LOOK, I DIG THAT YOU GOT COMPASSION, BUT YOU'RE TOTALLY MISDIRECTING IT!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANNA GET HUNG UP ON SOME "SIDE MISSION?!"
BESIDES, LAST TIME I CHECKED, YOU WERE OBSESSED WITH TRACKING DOWN YOUR OWN BAD GUY!
THEY COULD BE ONE AND THE SAME.
WITH APOLOGIES TO SAKAKI...
...THIS WORKS OUT PERFECTLY FOR ME.

NOW'S OUR PERFECT CHANCE TO GET AWAY.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, CANON? SAKAKI WENT "OUT TO EAT..."
MY DEBT TO YOU IS PAID.
I'M NOT TALKIN' TURNING TAIL! IT'S MORE LIKE EVAC-UATING!
I JUST WANNA PUT A LITTLE DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND SAKAKI!
Thanks Bunches!
IF YOU WANT TO FLY AWAY, GO AHEAD.
SURE EVEN BLOODSUCKERS ARE DOWN WITH THE CONCEPT OF EXPIRING FAVORS.
OUGHTA SEND HER A THANK-YOU NOTE LATER ON FOR GIVIN' US THE HEADS UP TO GET OUTTA TOWN!
Y'KNOW, YOU WEREN'T SO DUMB KEEPIN' THAT VAMP ALIVE AFTER ALL!

THE VAMPIRE THAT I'M AFTER COULD SHOW UP TONIGHT.
FLAP
Kii!
Kii!!
FLAP
SO, IF YOU WANT TO SPLIT, I WON'T STOP YOU.
.....

Kii!
Kii!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN AWAY WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE?
THAT WOMAN WENT OUT OF HER WAY TO WARN YOU AND YOU BLEW IT OFF.
LOOKS LIKE THAT PET CROW OF YOURS TOOK IT TO HEART, THOUGH...
I'VE NEVER SEEN BAT'S THAT BIG BEFORE ...
THEY'VE GONE TO ALERT THEIR MASTER AS TO OUR LOCATION.

AND IF YOU'RE DEFEATED BY THE ASSASSINS SENT HERE TONIGHT...
IN THAT CASE, THEY'RE GOING TO KILL YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO...
...FIGHT WITH ANY OF THEM BUT ROD.
...THEN YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR HIM.

RUSTLE
.....
.....
TAP
...SO I TRUST YOU'RE READY TO DO BATTLE, CANON?
WELL, WHATEVER YOUR REASON...
...YOU CHOSE TO STAND BY MY SIDE...
F.O.O.

BUT THERE'S GOTTA BE AT LEAST AS STRONG AS SAKAK.
FOOO
BUT STILL...
...THIS SMELL I'M PICKIN' UP BOTHERS ME.
AH, SHE'LL BE OKAY! SHE'S GOT SAKAKI WITH HER.
SWOOSH
AA

AAAAAA
HONK HONK
ROOM
She usually tells me not to run away.
WHEN SHE TOLD ME I COULD GET AWAY.
...I DIDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT I JUST TOOK OFF.
IT'S BEGUN...

SK
IK
ZAA
WH-
WHUH--
?

SLASH
?!
!

KR
ikk
DON'T KILL THEM !!
SAKAKI !!
IT'S KILL...
...OR BE KILLED!
zaaaaa

WHUMP
SWISH
HUFF
HUFF
.....

MACHUA
...
NO... NO, SHE WASN'T ...
SHE WAS, WASN'T SHE? TELL ME-- WHAT IS SHE?!
MACHUA !!
... AROUND THE OTHER NIGHT?
WAS THAT GIRL ...
!
I--
I'M SORRY...
.....

AND SHE'S GOT POWER. LOOK AT HOW SHE MADE HIM ERUPT LIKE A BLOODY VOLCANO.
SHE MOVES TOO FAST FOR JUST A SERVANT ...
THAT SERVANT... IS SHE HIS?
NO...NO, THERE'S NO WAY...
...A MERE SERVANT CAN WIN AGAINST A REAL VAMPIRE.
COME TO THINK OF IT...
...SHE EVADED MY ATTACK LAST NIGHT, TOO. TRUE, SHE HAD THE CROW THERE AS A DISTRACTION, BUT...
.....
WHY DIDN'T SHE RUN AWAY...?

CRASH
SAKAKI ?!?
CRUNCH
SO YOU CAME ...
EH?

IS HER NAME...
CANON?
KRAK
WUMP !

ざわっ

RATTLE..
SAKAKI... I CONFESS TO HAVING HAD DOUBTS..
...ABOUT WHETHER I SHOULD KILL YOU AGAIN...
...BUT NOW I SEE...
...THAT MY SOUL-SEARCHING WAS UNWARRANTED.
USING THE PSIONICS I SEE? DON'T WANNA GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY, COWARD

TCH
TCH
YOU'RE ...
ROD...?
BLUE EYES...
TCH

KRA
YOU!!

THIS IS THE VAMPIRE...
FOO
IF THY EYES OFFEND THEE, I'LL PUT THEM OUT!
ROD...
...I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS...

BECAUSE I'M GOING TO KILL YOU...
JH-OH...
FLAP
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME WHAT I ALREADY KNOW...
SAKAKI! STOP THAT MORON!
SHE'S GOT THE SMELL OF DEATH ON HER! HER HEART'S SLASHED WIDE OPEN !!

MOVE, SAKAKI...
YOU'RE NEVER GONNA...
...KILL ANYONE AGAIN!
QUIVER QUIVER
SPURT

NO NEED TO PURSUE HIM NOW.
WE'RE DONE FOR TONIGHT.
ZAAAA...

!
MASTER ROD!
MASTER ROD!
NO, LEAVE HIM BE!!
DID SAKAKI GET AWAY ?!
GO AFTER HIM! QUICKLY !!
MASTER ROD!

HEY, SAKAKI?
Y'KNOW IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTER-NOON, RIGHT?
KA
CHA
.....
IF HER BODY HADN'T BEEN SO WEAK ALREADY ...
...SHE WOULD BE FULLY RECOVERED BY NOW.
HE-HE'S ANGRY?
THIS IS THE GIRL'S DUE...
...FOR SPOUTING PLATITUDES INSTEAD OF DRINKING HUMAN BLOOD.
CREAK...
PERHAPS SHE'LL LEARN A LESSON FROM THIS.
FLAP
OH, I GET IT.
HALF-HUMAN VAMPS CAN TAKE SUNLIGHT.
FLAP

.....
SAKAKI, DON'T JUST STAND THERE...
WHY DON'T YOU HEAL HER INJURIES ?!
IF SHE WERE A NORMAL HUMAN, SHE'D BE TAKING A DIRTNAP //
I CAN'T.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HEAL INJURIES INFLICTED BY OTHERS.
WHO ARE YOU TRYIN' TO KID? EVEN CANON CAN DO A LITTLE HEA...--
HUH?
DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF.
FSST
HYAAA!

LAST NIGHT...
I FINALLY MET HIM...
REMEMBER? I SAID AFTER I ENCOUNTERED ROD, I WOULD LET YOU DRINK MY BLOOD...
WELL, I MET HIM... AND GOT TRASHED BY HIM... SO HERE, HAVE AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE.
NOW SAVE WHAT LITTLE STRENGTH YOU'VE GOT AND GO BACK TO SLEEP!
YEAH, I KNOW, I KNOW. I CAUGHT THE TAIL END OF IT.
OKAY...
BUT MY PROMISE ...
BLOOD FROM SOMEBODY WHO'S ON THE BRINK OF DEATH TASTES RANCID!
PASS!

MM...
AH, WHATEVER. I'M A BIRD. WHAT DO I CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO HER?
STILL, FOR SOMEBODY WHO'S GOT HALF A BODY FULL OF WARM HUMAN BLOOD...
...THAT GUY'S COLD AS THEY COME.
FLAP
HURTS ...
FUI...
FUI... I WAS RIGHT.
ROD WAS THERE...

SHOULD'VE JUST STAYED THERE AND KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT...
SPLISH SPLISH
FOOL...
TWITCH

ZAAAAA
ONLY THING I CAN DO IS WAIT FOR YOU TO GET BACK UP TO FULL STRENGTH!
YOUR BLOOD'LL BE MORE FLAVORFUL THEN!

...STILL TIME?
IS THERE
...
WHO?
...
TAK
RUSTLE

DAMMIT... CAN'T... MOVE...
CA... NON..
RUN.
SAKA..
NOW !!
DUMMY! I SAID, GET OUT OF HERE!

UUUH
AAAH!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
WHAT, ARE YOU TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF NOW, AFTER ALL THE PEOPLE YOU'VE MURDERED?!
I'LL HAVE YOUR BODY REPAIRED... IN JUST A MOMENT...
UUUH
THROB
THROB
THROB
AH!
W--
WHY...?

SNAP
RRR!
THROB
GRAB
JUST STOP. YOU'LL ONLY TEAR YOUR WOUND OPEN MORE.
THROB
THROB
MY WOUND...?!

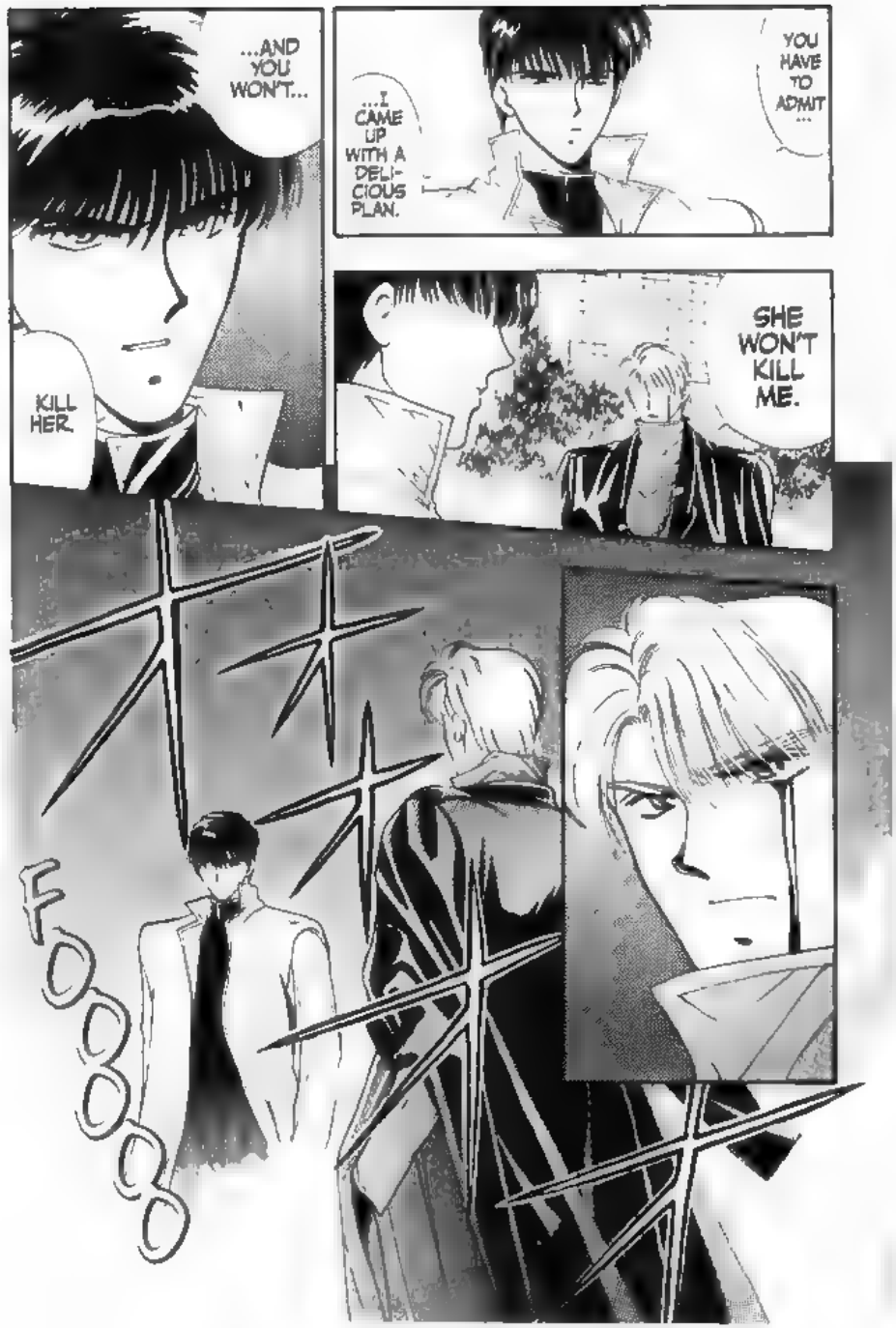
C--
CAZZ!
YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT...

WHY WOULD YOU ONLY...
...HELP ME?!
I WISH...
...AND NOT TURNED ME INTO THIS... THIS...
...YOU HAD KILLED ME THEN... WITH EVERYONE ELSE...

I'M IM-PRE-SSED.
YOU'RE OUT ON A DAY LIKE THIS, EVEN WITH SUNBEAMS STABBING THROUGH THE CLOUDS
MUST HURT, HUH?
SAKAK-
SPLISH
..IS IT REVENGE YOU'RE AFTER?
REVENGE UPON ME?

CROW
...
GULP...
PROTECT
...
...THIS GIRL.
ZAAAAAA

TCH!
FSH
FSH
IF THEY FIND OUT YOU'RE HERE, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GONNA BE IN TROUBLE, NOT ME.
YOUR PALS ARE LOOKIN' FOR YOU.
THAT GIRL IS A HUMAN SERVANT.
ACCORDING TO YOUR LAW, SHE HAS TO BE WIPED OUT


...AND YOU WON'T...
KILL HER.
...I CAME UP WITH A DELI-CIOUS PLAN.
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT...
SHE WON'T KILL ME.
FOOOO

MASTER ROD!
WHERE DID YOU GO THIS AFTERNOON? WE WERE ALL OUT LOOKING FOR YOU.
MASTER ROD!
THE IMBECILES WE HAVE WORKING FOR US ARE USELESS NOW!
SEND OUT YOUR SERVANTS!
HAVE THEM CALL IN OLDER VAMPIRES!!
MACHUA!!
Y-YES?!
ROD

AND YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THAT, SAKAKI...
RUSTLE
...WITH YOUR LIFE!

YOU'RE LOOKING MUCH BETTER.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
THEY HAVEN'T NOTICED US.
WELL, I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT!
BEING HELPED BY THE MAN WHO KILLED ALL MY FRIENDS..
I COULDN'T ASK HIM...
WHY...?

SO HURRY !!!
I WANT SAKAK DEAD..
...AS SOON AS POSSIBLE !!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

I CAN'T SEE...

...THE TRUTH...

ILLUSION

ROD THE END

WOULD YOU RATHER LIVE JUST A FEW MORE YEARS, YOUR BODY RACKED WITH DISEASE...
...OR WOULD YOU RENOUNCE YOUR HUMANITY...
...AND LIVE IN THE WORLD OF DARKNESS, LIKE ME?

YES.
I'LL LET YOU CHOOSE.

NO... THIS IS...
...MY FRIEND'S BLOOD

WHY...
...ARE YOU CRYING?
ARE YOU HURT?
YOU'RE BLEEDING.

THIS AWFUL...
...LAND OF DARKNESS.

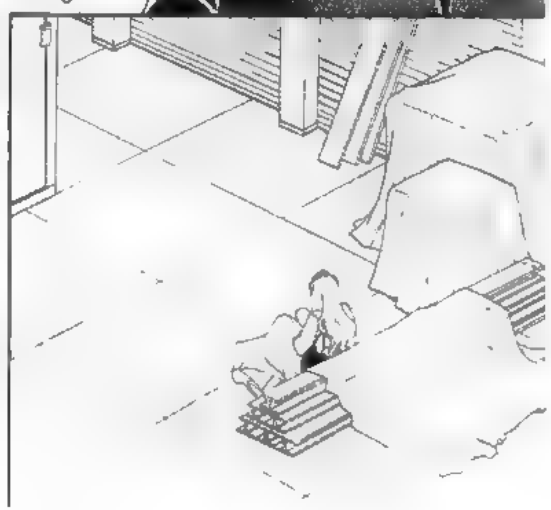
WITH MY OWN HANDS
I KILLED MY FRIEND AND HIS FAMILY...
...WITH THESE HANDS.
YOU MUSTN'T EVER STUMBLE AGAIN INTO THIS AWFUL LAND OF DARKNESS.
GO HOME.
IF YOU WALK FACING THE MOON, YOU'LL FIND YOUR WAY BACK.

IT'S BECAUSE I MET HIM.
ROD.

"ROD"
THE MAN WHO SLAUGHTERED MY FRIENDS.
I CAN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE...
...OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE REAL WORLD.
YOU TORTURE MY WAKING MOMENTS ENOUGH!
LEAVE MY DREAMS ALONE!

RUSTLE
SWISH

JUST A DREAM...



SIEFF
FOOO
HEY, CANON!
OPEN UP!
RATTLE RATTLE
I DON'T UNDER-STAND..
...ANY OF IT.
...WAS A COLD-HEARTED MONSTER.
I WAS SO SURE THAT THE MAN I WAS CHASING...
...IS THE SAME MAN WHO GAVE ME PART OF HIS LIFE FORCE TO RESTORE MY HEALTH ?!
THE VAMPIRE I'VE HATED EVER SINCE THAT NIGHT...
THE MAN WHO MADE ME DRINK HIS BLOOD, TURNING ME INTO A VAMPIRE.

KEEP TALKIN' TO ME LIKE THAT...
...AND I'M GONNA FLY AWAY FOR GOOD!!
THE BIRDBRAIN THAT CAN'T EVEN SNIFF OUT A VAMPIRE COVEN DOESN'T GET TO USE SARCASM!
CAN THE SARCASM!
BIRDBRAIN?! WHAT THE HELL'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN, GIRLIE?!
CREAK
WITHOUT ME, YOU'D BE HIP-DEEP IN IT, RIGHT?
I'M IN IT UP TO MY KNEES, WITH OR WITHOUT YOU
JERK!

WE'VE HAD OUR SHARE OF WARM DAYS THESE PAST FEW WEEKS...
...BUT I GUESS THIS SHOWS THAT SPRING AIN'T JUST AROUND THE CORNER!
FLAP
FLAP
BRRRR!
IT'S SNOWING! IT'S SNOWING!
ENOUGH ABOUT THE WEATHER. ARE WE STILL SAFE?
YOU WEREN'T FOLLOWED, WERE YOU?
YEAH, RIGHT! THERE'S A VAMPIRE ARMY WAITING FOR YOU RIGHT OUTSIDE!
NYAH
OH, KNOCK OFF THE THEA-TRICS!
YOU'RE A BIRD! YOU CAN TAKE IT!
DON'T BE STUPID! I'M FREEZIN' MY TAIL FEATHERS OFF BECAUSE I'M A BIRD!

...SO I'M JUST KILLING TIME.
I HAD NOTHING TO DO...
NOTHING SPECIAL.
HERE?
SAKAKI, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
.....

I CAN'T HELP BUT GET OBSESSED OVER ALL THIS...
IN THE BEGINNING, I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A NAME TO GO WITH THE FACE.
ONE DAY, I'LL UNDERSTAND ALL OF IT.
I'LL GET THE WHOLE TRUTH... EVENTUALLY.

IT'S BEAUT-IFUL.
SEE, EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL, I WAS IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL.
A HOSPITAL THAT I KNOW...
...HAD THE SAME KIND OF TREE.
SOMETIMES MY DISEASE WOULD GO INTO REMISSION...
...BUT COME WINTER, IT'D BE BACK AGAIN WITHOUT FAIL...

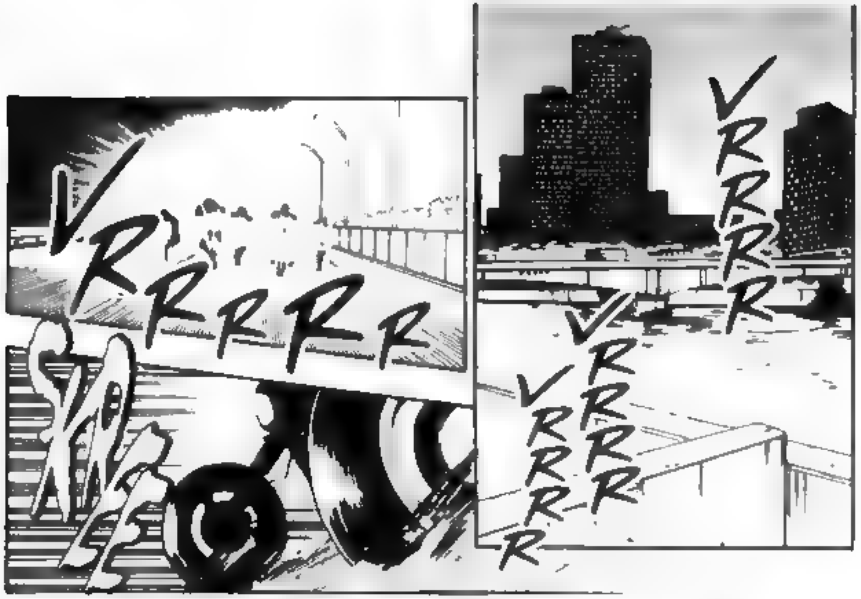
FLOWERS?
SNOW.
DOESN'T IT LOOK JUST LIKE FLOWERS IN BLOOM, FUI?
HAH?

HUH?

MY DOCTOR WOULD ALWAYS SAY...
"...LET'S HANG IN THERE, AT LEAST TILL SPRING."
...I WAS ALWAYS SO, SO...
...HAPPY...
SO I'D BE IMPATIENT FOR THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS TO BLOOM...
...AND WHEN THEY FINALLY DID...

IT WAS A BIG TREE LIKE THIS ?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU...
CANON? H-HEY!
SAKAKI, WAIT.
UM...
NO...

ABOUT ALL I CAN THINK OF...
THAT'S SOME MEMORY...
You paused long enough
...ARE MY PARENTS BEING MURDERED ...
...BENEATH A TREE LIKE THIS ONE.
I-I'M SORRY, SAKAKI! I--!
I DIDN'T KNOW...


VRRRRR
VRRRRR
VRRRRR
VRRRRR

GAHHH !!
UWAAA!
MOB

WANNA GET RUN OVER ?!
GET OUTTA THE FRICKIN' STREET !!
JACKASS !!

CANON
I DON'T WANNA INTERRUPT YOUR WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE BUT..
JUST A DREAM.
THAT WAS A DREAM!
...IN THE VICINITY.
...WE'VE GOT A VAMP...

FOOO
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING? THERE'S NO ROOM FOR UNCERTAINTY NOW.
THAT GIRL...
...IS JUST A TOOL!

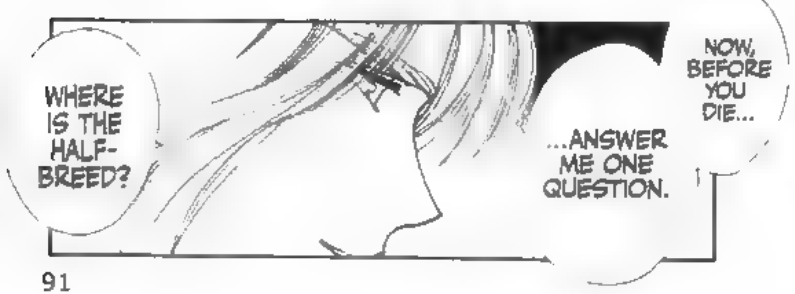
AAAH!
SHUMP
FWASH
!
ZIOO!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

SMART GIRL.
YOU'RE WISE BEYOND YOUR YEARS
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO RUN?
WHAT'S THE POINT?
IF I DID, YOU'D JUST CHASE AFTER ME.

PRETENTIOUS JERK...
AND WHAT ARE YOU, THE EXPERT OF WHO'S WISE AND WHO'S NOT?

FOOLISH PRATTLE IS GUARANTEED TO ABBREVIATE YOUR LIFESPAN.
SLA
GYAAA!
FU!!

AL-THOUGH...
...WHATEVER HAPPENS, WE CAN'T...
...LET YOU LIVE.


WHERE IS THE HALF-BREED?
...ANSWER ME ONE QUESTION.
NOW, BEFORE YOU DIE...

SLASH
MORON!! DON'T FIGHT HIM!!
IF YOU'RE SO INTENT ON LYING TO ME..
...YOU REALLY OUGHT TO TRY AND MAKE IT A MORE PLAUSIBLE ONE.
WHO'S LYING ?!
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES !!
IT WAS ROD! I KNOW IT!
IT WOULD SEEM...

QUIVER
QUIVER...
HOW SHOULD I KNOW ?
OH, I HOPE YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE YOU DON'T KNOW.
HE IS YOUR MASTER, AFTER ALL.
SWISH
NOT SAKAKI !!
ROD'S THE ONE...
...WHO TURNED ME INTO A SERVANT !!

QUIVER
...A SIMPLE SERVANT DOESN'T HAVE THE KIND OF POWER YOU POSSESS...
ASIDE FROM THAT, MY DEAR ...
UUH!
YOU'RE TELLING ME HE DIDN'T DO IT?
SO, WHAT?
...THOUGH I MUST PROFESS IGNORANCE WHEN IT COMES TO...
...THE PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS OF THE SERVANT OF A HALF-BREED.
ANYWAY, FOR HIM, REVAMPING YOUR MEMORIES ...
...WOULD BE CHILD'S PLAY.

...THAT SAKAKI...
...HAS YOU UNDER HIS SPELL.
...AND FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, HE'S LIVED LIKE A HERMIT. HE HASN'T SET FOOT OUTSIDE THE MANSION UNTIL THE OTHER NIGHT.
WHY WOULD YOU EVEN TRY TO CONFUSE ME LIKE ...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
I'VE BEEN MASTER ROD'S "RIGHT-HAND MAN" FOR A LONG TIME...

IT HIT ME THAT YOU WERE PROBABLY SPECIAL.
...TO SAKAKI.
WATCHING YOUR FIGHT THE OTHER NIGHT...
IT IS THEN THAT I FIRST CONSIDERED TAKING YOU HOSTAGE...
...TO DRAW HIM OUT AND KILL HIM MYSELF.
FOR YOU SEE, YOUR MASTER HAS DONE MINE A DISSERVICE
...BY CUTTING DOWN OUR RANKS.
STILL, I HAVE GIVEN HIM AMPLE TIME TO SHOW UP TO SAVE YOU...
..BUT HIS NON-APPEARANCE SUGGESTS THAT YOU ARE JUST ANOTHER SERVANT TO SAKAKI.

OH, PLEASE ...
...BY ROD TO TELL ME THIS? TO TRY AND TRICK ME?
I DON'T KNOW HIS AIM, BUT--
WERE YOU SENT HERE ...
WELL, IT'S NOT GONNA WORK! NOW LET GO OF ME!!!
THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT?! TO MAKE ME DOUBT WHO TO TRUST!
I WAS SO SURE THAT THE MAN I WAS CHASING...
I SAID LET GO !!!
...WAS A COLD-HEARTED MONSTER.
DELUDE YOURSELF AS YOU LIKE.
NOBODY WOULD BE TAKEN IN BY THIS GUY'S PITCH!

I'LL BE SENDING HIM TO JOIN YOU BEFORE LONG, MY DEAR...
GRAB
AH!
QUIVER QUIVER

I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU, REALLY, SINCE HE... ...IS OBVIOUSLY SPECIAL TO YOU.
AH, WELL. THAT IS NO LONGER A CONCERN
GO, MY YOUNG BEAUTY, TO YOUR ETERNAL SLEEP.
I ASSURE YOU IT WON'T HURT.

SAKAKI!!

AH...
SA...
...KA

FOOO
KNUCH
AAGH!
SPLOOSH

IDIOT...
KR ICH
WHY DID YOU LET THIS TRASH HAVE HIS WAY WITH YOU?
WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL ME SOONER ?!

IT WOULD SEEM...
...THAT SAKAKI HAS YOU UNDER HIS SPELL.
HE WAS WRONG !!
I'M SURE OF IT!

YOU SHOULD ■E ASHAMED OF YOURSELF, CANON !!

DON'T WORRY, CANON.
BELIEVE ME, WE WILL...
...IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
I'M POSITIVE ...
...DEFEAT ROD.
NO, NOT REALLY ...
IT'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT.
DID HE SAY ANYTHING?
WHAT HE SAID...
...SO RIDICULOUS ...
...WAS JUST ...

NEVER MIND.
ABOUT SAKAKI, HUH?
.....
ILLUSION THE END

FUI.. YOU CAN FLY AGAIN ALREADY ?
NOT ALREADY! FINALLY !!
FLAP FLAP
YEAH?
.....
YOU BELIEVE THAT SCUMBAG?! TALK ABOUT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS! AND AL.. FOR MAKING A SIMPLE CRACK..
FUI...
..AND WITH JUST ONE ATTACK !
HE BROKE ALL THE BONES IN MY BODY ...

IT WOULD SEEM...
..THAT SAKAKI HAS YOU UNDER HIS SPELL
THAT'S WHAT THE VAMPIRE FROM LAST NIGHT TOLD ME
HE SAID THAT MY ENEMY ISN'T ROD!...
..BUT THE VAMPIRE WHO'S BEEN BY MY SIDE, SAKAKI.

CANON

CHIKA SHIOMI

FUI

SHIFT
THIS IS GOING TO GET OLD...
?
I'M FINE. I DON'T FEEL WEAK AT ALL.
THERE'S A HUMAN RIGHT OVER THERE. GO AND DRINK SOME OF HIS BLOOD...
NOW, I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE STUBBORN ON THIS.
...CANON.
IT'S LEFT YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM WEAK.
MUST BE BECAUSE YOU'VE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD RECENTLY.
THE BITE MARKS HE GAVE YOU ARE HEALING SLOWLY.

...WHY IS HE TREATING ME LIKE THIS?
BUT IF I AM HIS SERVANT ...
...BUT WEAK AS YOU ARE, THEY'D WIPE YOU OUT IN AN INSTANT.
I DON'T KNOW WHEN ROD AND HIS CRONIES ARE GOING TO ATTACK AGAIN...
AH...
SOME-THING'S FLOWING OUT OF HIS HANDS...
LOOKS LIKE THEIR NUMBERS ARE ON THE RISE!
ROD MUST'VE BROUGHT IN SOME FRIENDS SO THEY CAN HAVE A HUNTING PARTY!
IF I AM NOTHING MORE THAN A SERVANT TO SAKAKI ...
"IT WOULD SEEM THAT SAKAKI HAS YOU UNDER HIS SPELL." I CAN'T GET THOSE WORDS OUT OF MY HEAD...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
IT'S MY LIFE-FORCE. I'M SHARING IT WITH YOU.

THAT I'M SAKAKI'S SERVANT...
YOU WERE THERE LAST NIGHT.
YOU MUST'VE HEARD WHAT THE VAMPIRE SAID...
THAT ROD WASN'T THE ONE WHO TURNED ME INTO A SERVANT VAMPIRE...
FUI... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
"PROTECT THIS GIRL."
BUT I WOULD NOT PAY ATTENTION TO EVERY VAMPIRE ON THE STREET WHO FEEDS YOU A LINE.
Sigh...
YOU CAN'T TRUST ANYBODY THESE DAYS.
OH, I DUNNO.
...IS WHAT HE MEANT...
...BY THAT.
FORGET ABOUT SAKAKI AND FORGET ABOUT LAST NIGHT'S BLOODSUCKER...
WHAT I WANNA KNOW...

AM I BORING YOU?
BECAUSE I SENSE YOU COULD CARE LESS. .
I DOUBT THEY'RE GONNA BUM AROUND THE HOUSE FOR LONG PROBABLY ATTACK SOMETIMB TON GHT OR TOMORROW
I HOPE NOT, THOUGH!
...YOU'VE GOT SAKAKI ON YOUR MIND, DON'T YOU?
EH...? OH. THE VAMPIRES ...
RIGHT NOW, MORE THAN ROD...

ALL TRACES OF HIM DEAD-END HERE...
VERY WELL.
SEARCH THE AREA AROUND HERE A BIT MORE...
SQUEAK
flap flap

AAAAH!
NOW YOU GOT ME BROODING AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT!
ENOUGH OF THIS!
WHO THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO PROTECT HER FROM?
.....
HEY!
FU!!
I'M GONNA GO FOR A LITTLE FLIGHT TO CLEAR MY HEAD !!
Drown my troubles in the fresh blood of a cute young girl!
THAT BIRD . BURNS ME UP.

THIS FOG !!
LOOKING FOR YOUR PARTNER ?
IT WARMS THE HEART.
DAMMIT!
IT'S HIM... !!

GOING OFF TO DISPATCH SAKAKI ON YOUR OWN?
YOU NEVER HAD A CHANCE
...LAYOTTE...
I'M ALMOST CERTAIN YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN KILLED...
...EVEN THOUGH IT'LL PROBABLY BE WASTED EFFORT.
STAYING OUT HERE TOO LONG, HE'S LIABLE TO FIND ME...
BETTER HEAD HOME.
YOU UNDER-ESTIMATED HIM.

SPLAT
AARGH!
...THAN SEARCH FOR ONE LONE VAMPIRE WHO STRAYS FROM THE PACK.
I WOULD THINK YOU'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO...
AT IT AGAIN, I SEE...
I WAS WONDERING WHERE HE'D GOTTEN OFF TO...
FLAP

SAKAKI
UNFOR-TU-NATELY, YOU'RE TOO LATE.
IF HE'S THE ONE I THINK HE IS. I SNUFFED HIM LAST NIGHT.
AH!!
!!
AWt

SHE'LL DIE AS WELL.
CANON IS HER NAME, I THINK...
YOU DON'T MIND ?

SERVANTS ARE MERELY OUR TOOLS. . NSTRUMENTS TO CARRY OUT OUR PLANS.
WHY WOULD I MIND? A TOOL BREAKS, YOU GET A NEW ONE.
BUT THE QUESTION IS MOOT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE. SHE WON'T DIE SO EASILY. .
. .BECAUSE SHE'S NOT YOUR AVERAGE SERVANT I CREATED HER...

TELL ROD...
...THAT I'M TIRED OF WAITING.
IF I TELL CANON ABOUT THIS, HE'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT...
Not that I care how he spends his free time!

TELL HIM THAT IF HE WANTS TO KILL ME...
...HE SHOULD COME AND GET ME.
AND WHAT ABOUT THE GIRL?

ADMIT IT. THAT GIRL ISN'T...
...JUST SOME INSTRU-MENT TO YOU.
DRIP...
FLAP

...FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF DEFEATING ROD.
WOBBLE
LIAR. YOU DON'T THINK OF HER AS A "MERE TOOL."

MM. BOTH OF THEM HAVE THE LUCK OF THE DEVIL...

GYAAA!
SWOO
SH
FLAP FLAP

FLAP
TWITCH
FUI?
FLAP
FLAP
GREAT, NOW BOTH OF THEM ARE MISSING!
I CAN'T BELIEVE FUI TOOK OFF AT A TIME LIKE THIS, RIGHT AFTER SCARING ME WITH THE WARNING OF ANOTHER IMPENDING ATTACK
ONLY THE WIND...

OWW... OHHH...
REALLY THINK... I'M DYIN' HERE...
DRIP
FLAP FLAP
DRIP
I WAS SUSPICIOUS OF HIM...
DAMN YOU... SAKAKI...
...BUT...
VAAA

AW
OOG...
FUI?!
FLUTTER
UUUH... HURTS...
DRIP...
WAS THAT A CRAPPY LANDING OR WHAT?
OHH.

...I FIRST MET FUI IN A BACK ALLEY LIKE THIS.
FLUTTER
HUH. COME TO THINK OF IT...
DRIP
DRIP
FUI?
GOOD, YOU'RE BACK... FINALLY!
FLUTTER FLUTTER

DRIP...
CANON...
I CAN'T SAY I'M 100% SURE YET...
...BUT I'D STILL BET THE FARM ON IT.
YOUR ENEMY...
...IS SAKAKI.

WHA--
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU ?!
WAIT...
I'LL HEAL YOU UP IN A JIFF...
SHUT UP!!
IDIOT! THIS AIN'T NO SCRATCH I GOT...
NO, YOU SHUT UP, CANON, AND LISTEN!
QUIET !!
NO, YOU KEEP QUIET, DAMMIT!!
LISTEN TO ME...!

FU
MO

HE SAID. SAKAK. SAID..
...YOU WERE...
I JUST OVER-HEARD HIM TALKING.
KRA
AK

FUI!!!!

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FUI...

...DON'T LOSE TO...
...THIS BASTARD...
SAKAKI !!

SA....
.....
I KNOW THERE'S NO WAY...A SERVANT CAN BEST IT'S MASTER...
...BUT STILL...
CA....
....ZOZ....

EVEN NOW, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE DYING.
IT HURTS, DOESN'T IT?
HUFF HUFF
THE LIFEFORCE THAT ROD GAVE YOU...
...SEEMS TO HAVE RUN OUT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
SHALL I DELIVER YOU FROM YOUR DISEASE?

THUMP
SAKAKI...!

YOU WOULD HATE MY ENEMY, ROD...
...AS MUCH AS I DO.
YOU WOULD... YOU *WILL* KILL HIM FOR ME.
IN EXCHANGE, YOU WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SERVE ME... TO *LIVE* FOR ME.
...THE VAMPIRE WITH SILVER HAIR...
FROM THIS MOMENT ON...
...AND BLUE EYES...

I COULD-- YOU KNOW-- USING MY BLOOD
...AND THEIR COLLECTIVE LIFEFORCE.

THUMP
NO...
SAKAKI
IS IT ALL COMING BACK?
THUMP
...NO.
NO...
NO...
IT'S...
YOU MADE ME...?
IT'S NOT...
...THAT'S RIGHT.

...IS YOUR...
...ENEMY.

YOU'VE DONE ALL OF THIS...
AND NOW...
...YOU'VE TORN FUI APART.
CHOOSE, CANON
CONTINUE TO AID ME AND MURDER ROD...
...OR DIE RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.

SAKAKI :
I'M THE ONE WHO TURNED YOU INTO A SERVANT.
KILLED ALL MY FRIENDS...
YOU MADE ME YOUR SERVANT...
HELPED ME... REACHED OUT TO ME...
I NEEDED A WEAPON...
...WITH WHICH TO KILL ROD.
SAVED ME FROM DANGER I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES...

...LONG AGO
I THREW AWAY MY HUMANITY ...
AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET YOUR WAY...
...EVER AGAIN.

ZAA...
IF YOU CHOOSE THE FORMER, WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER...
...I'LL TURN YOU BACK INTO A HUMAN, IF THAT IS YOUR DESIRE.
Fogg

KRAKKK

...I SEE.
FLOSH

I'M NOT GOING TO HELP YOU MURDER ROD.
NOR DO I INTEND TO LET YOU KILL ME.

AAA

RUSTLE...

JUST THE OPPOSITE.
I'M GOING TO RID THIS EARTH OF YOU.

MURDER

FINALLY
...
...IT ALL FITS TOGETHER...
FUI. THE END

...BECAUSE SAKAKI IMPLANTED ME...
...WITH FALSE MEMORIES.
I REMEMBER...
THAT DAY, HE KILLED ALL OF THEM.
HE TURNED ME...
...INTO A VAMPIRE SERVANT...
...SAKAKI!
...BY GIVING ME HIS "BLOOD..."
...AND THE STOLEN "LIFEFORCE" OF ALL MY FRIENDS.
THEIR LIFE-FORCE... THEIR LIVES...
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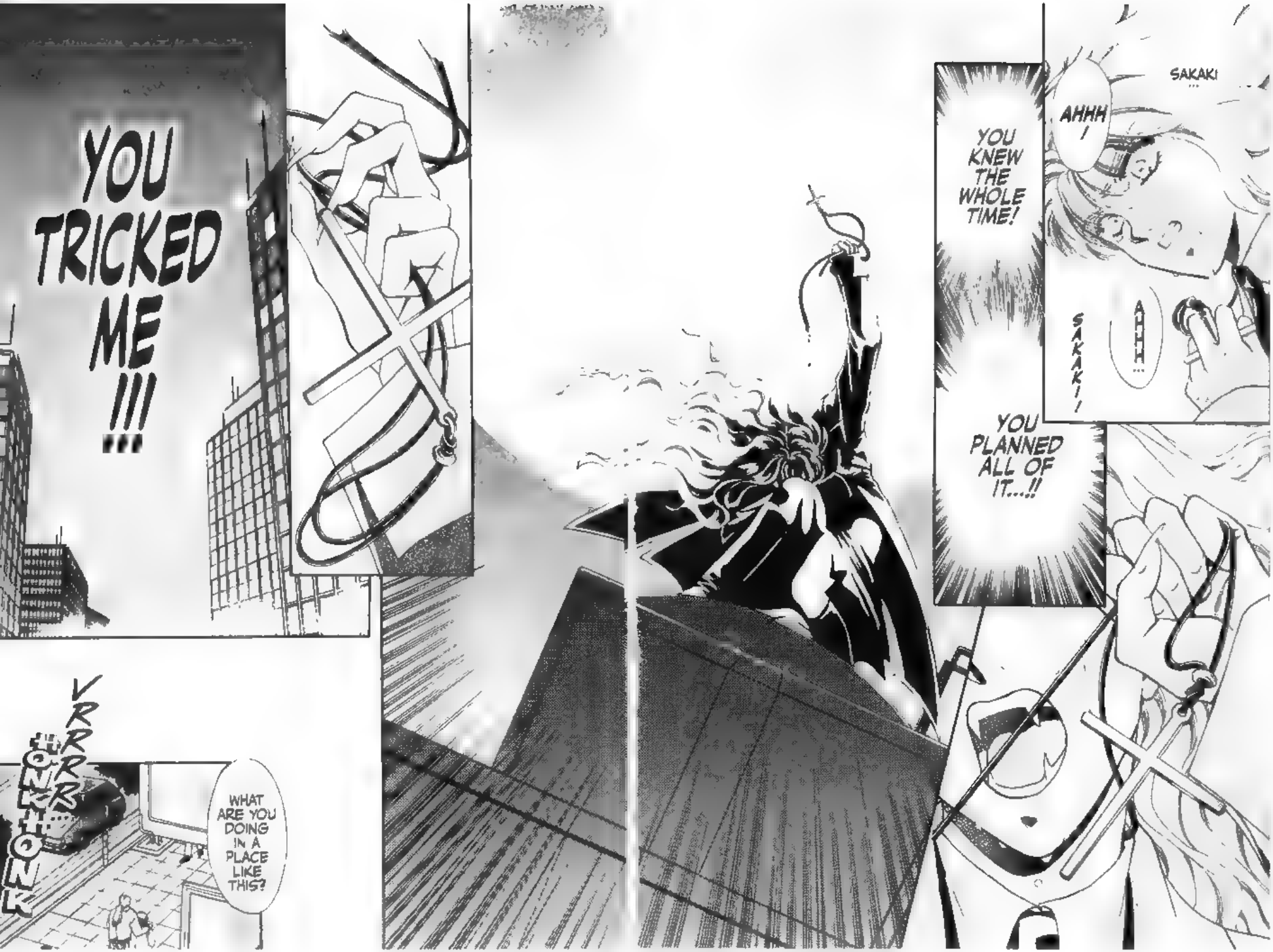
MY ENEMY IS SAKAKI!
NOW I REMEMBER.
MY MEMORIES OF RIGHT BEFORE AND AFTER...
...I WAS TURNED INTO A VAMPIRE WERE FUZZY...


YOU TRICKED ME !!!
VRRRR...
ONK
ONK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
AHHH !
SAKAKI ...
AHH...
SAKAKI !
YOU KNEW THE WHOLE TIME!
YOU PLANNED ALL OF IT...!!

BUMP
BATS?
YOU'RE IN MY WAY. GO SOME-WHERE ELSE.
ALL RIGHT
TOTTER

ARE YOU SICK?
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
COME ON, WAKE UP NOW!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
EEEYAA!
FLAP FLAP

NO...
HE'S STILL ALIVE.
OR IS IT...
...YOUR TURN TO DECEIVE ME?
WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?
TO KILL ME?
HE'S DEAD, I TELL YOU.
.....

DON'T TOUCH ME.
SOME-THING MUST HAVE HAPPENED FOR YOU TO BECOME THIS WEAK...
THOSE EYES...
I SEE YOUR CROW HAS DIED.

THAT IS WHAT SHE'S BEEN TELLING ME SINCE WE FIRST MET...
OH, DEAR.
FUNNY, ISN'T IT?
SAKAKI WAS LEADING ME AROUND BY THE NOSE THE WHOLE TIME.
...YOU REALLY DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SAKAKI'S SERVANT?
ARE YOU TELLING ME...
HE CONVINCED ME THAT ROD CHANGED ME INTO A SERVANT.

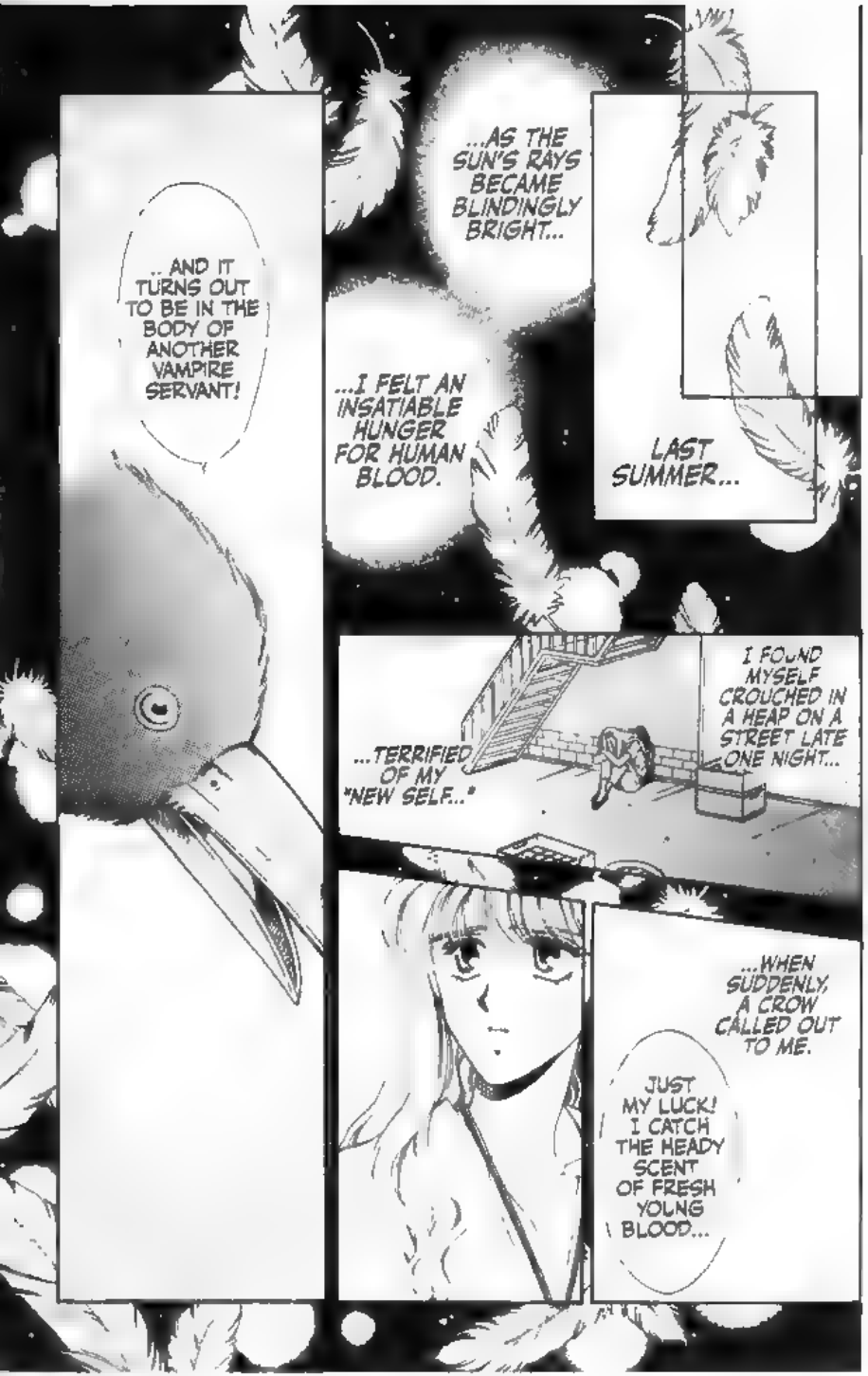
AFTER ALL, IN YOUR MIND...
...HUMANS ARE EITHER FOOD OR CLAY TO BE MOLDED INTO YOUR SLAVES, RIGHT?!
WOBBLE
GAIN MY TRUST
OH, YOU KNOW. PRETEND TO HELP ME...
EXCUSE ME?
...AND THEN USE ME. IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT? LIKE SAKAKI?
...'CAUSE I WON'T BE FOOLED AGAIN!!
WELL, DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME...

TO TAKE YOU TO MASTER ROD.
AND, THEN HE FLEW OFF, WITHOUT WAITING FOR AN ANSWER.
WHAT?
WHY WOULD HE SAY THAT?
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW.
WHY DID FUI HAVE TO...?!
...!!!

AND TO TOP IT OFF, HE DID THIS TO FUI!!
LAST NIGHT...
...YOUR CROW CAME TO ME...
!
...AFTER HE'D BEEN HIT BY SAKAKI.
HE WAS COVERED N BLOOD
MAYBE HE STOPPED BY ON THE WAY TO SEE YOU.
HE TOLD ME ONLY ONE THING...

HHZ
AAAA
FLAP
FLAP
WHAT NEWS DID THE BAT'S BRING?
THAT REMINDS ME, I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE I GOT N.
MACHUA'S SERVANTS, IF I RECALL.

HUFF
HUFF
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THIS CROW WAS THINKING... WHY HE WOULD SAY SUCH A THING...
IF I BROUGHT YOU TO SEE ROD-SAMA, YOU WOULD BE KILLED.
I SHOULD ...
SERVANTS MADE FROM HUMANS ARE OUTLAWED. BY OUR LAW, ANY THAT ARE FOUND MUST BE EXECUTED ON SIGHT.
STRICTLY SPEAKING, I SHOULD KILL HER RIGHT NOW ...


...AS THE SUN'S RAYS BECAME BLINDINGLY BRIGHT...
LAST SUMMER...
...I FELT AN INSATIABLE HUNGER FOR HUMAN BLOOD.
.. AND IT TURNS OUT TO BE IN THE BODY OF ANOTHER VAMPIRE SERVANT!
I FOUND MYSELF CROUCHED IN A HEAP ON A STREET LATE ONE NIGHT...
...TERRIFIED OF MY "NEW SELF..."
...WHEN SUDDENLY, A CROW CALLED OUT TO ME.
JUST MY LUCK! I CATCH THE HEADY SCENT OF FRESH YOUNG BLOOD...

HE CERTAINLY IS GIVING YOU TROUBLE.
OTHERWISE, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN CALLED IN.
BY SAKAKI?
LAYOTTE HAS BEEN KILLED.
SO IT SEEMS.
IF YOU DON'T MIND MY SAYING, THE AIR IS TERRIBLE HERE AND THE HUMAN BLOOD IS SWILL.
AH, WELL. I'D LIKE TO GET HIM TAKEN CARE OF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ROD, SO I CAN RETURN TO MY OWN COUNTRY.
WAIT... JUST A LITTLE LONGER.
SO, WHEN CAN WE DEPLOY?
THE ONES I BROUGHT WITH ME ARE RESTLESS AS WELL.
.....
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU..?

...EVER SINCE THAT DAY...
...I'VE NEVER BEEN ALONE.
FUI...
DON'T DIE...
¡FUI!

WHAT DO YOU SAY? HOW ABOUT GIVING A FELLOW SERVANT A SIP?
FLAP
EH?
EH?
FLAP FLAP
EH?
FUI SAID HE DIDN'T GET ALONG WITH HIS FORMER VAMPIRE MASTER, SO HE FLEW THE COOP.
Oh, come on!
One pint wouldn't kill ya!
...KYAAA!
KYAAA!
A BIRD! A TALKING BIRD!!
KYAAAA!
...AND YET...
...AND YET...
EASY TO SEE WHY, FUI'S SELFISH
...AND SNOTTY...

SHE'S THE CREATION OF A MIXED-BLOOD VAMPIRE.
NO ONE KNOWS THE EXTENT OF THEIR POWER.
AND DON'T FORGET, SHE WAS MADE INTO A SERVANT BY SAKAK. FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF KILLING ME
HE OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T JUST "SLAP HER TOGETHER..."
...BUT MUST HAVE IMBUED HER WITH A LARGE QUANTITY OF LIFE FORCE AND HIS OWN BLOOD.
A-ARE YOU GOING TO KILL HER...?

...BUT HE'S STILL...
...BREATHING FAINTLY.
I KNOW I SHOULD'VE TERMINATED HER
...BUT THERE...
THE CROW'S WORDS STUCK WITH ME.
WHAT IS THE BIRD'S CONDITION?
I-IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE FOR A SERVANT TO HAVE THAT MUCH POWER?
NIAA∞
!
...MAY HAVE FED THE BIRD HER OWN ENERGY UNTIL SHE COLLAPSED.
THE GIRL...
OH.
CONSIDERING THE EXTENT OF THE INJURIES, I'M SURPRISED MYSELF...

...GET ATTACHED TO HUMANS
I'M NOT BLAMING YOU.
BUT DON'T LET YOURSELF...
HHH...
WHY DOES MY BODY FEEL SO LIGHT?
!
FU...
I COULDN'T EVEN WALK BEFORE...

HE IS GIVING HER ENERGY ...
!
NO, I... THAT WASN'T MY INTENTION ...
I JUST ...
THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE TRIED TO PROTECT HER.
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME.
EH?

STAY OUT OF IT!
I'M GOING TO KILL SAKAKI!
WORDS NOT TO BE SPOKEN LIGHTLY, COMING FROM THE MOUTH OF A HUMAN SERVANT.
I'M SERIOUS
HE MURDERED 39 OF MY FRIENDS!
SIPHONED ALL OF THEIR LIFE FORCES AND PUT THEM INTO ME!

NO...
SQUEEZE
REMEMBER, IT WASN'T HIM...
NO!
I HEARD FROM MACHUA.
IT'S ALL MY FAULT, FOR FAILING TO KILL SAKAKI YEARS AGO.
THIS TIME, I'LL BE SURE TO FINISH THE JOB.

BESIDES, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY JUICE TO SPARE. MASTER ROD REJUVENATED YOU WITH HIS LIFE ENERGY...
...BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL RUN THROUGH IT QUICK ENOUGH.
GIVE UP.
YOU CAN'T HEAL HIM ANY MORE THAN THAT, NOT WITH YOUR POWER.
GIVE ME FUI BACK...
ROD GAVE ME...?
MACHUA...
YOU LOOK AFTER THE CROW.
THOUGH IT MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE...

THEY WERE KILLED FOR ME...
...BECAUSE OF THE ENERGY OF THOSE 39 PEOPLE WITHIN ME.
FOR OVER SIX MONTHS, I'VE REJECTED MY THIRST FOR HUMAN BLOOD ...
...BUT MANAGED TO SURVIVE...
...AND I'M USING THEIR LIVES...
...SO THAT'S WHY IT'S MY RESPON-SIBILITY !
NAA

ROD, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
THAT GIRL'S THE SERVANT OF SAKAKI, RIGHT? THE ONE YOU CALLED ME HERE TO LIQUIDATE.
WHY HAVEN'T YOU DISPOSED OF HER ALREADY?
EH?
GLENN-SAMA!
GZZMT

MASTER ROD KNEW HER FROM BEFORE.
PERHAPS EVEN BEFORE THAT NIGHT...
I RECALL.
AS YOU WISH.
...THAT MASTER ROD ENTERED THE FRAY AND ATTACKED SAKAKI HIMSELF...
...THE INSTANT HE LEARNED THE NAME OF SAKAKI'S SERVANT.
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IF YOU NEED AN EXCUSE, CONSIDER THAT SHE BELONGS TO SAKAKI.
HOW MANY OF OURS HAS HE KILLED ALREADY?
SO DO IT. JUST WIPE HER OUT.
NO? ALL RIGHT.
I'LL DO FOR YOU
GLENN, WAIT.
THIS GIRL NO LONGER HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH...
I DON'T CARE!
DO YOU DARE SUGGEST THAT THE LAW OFFERS ACCORDING TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SERVANT?

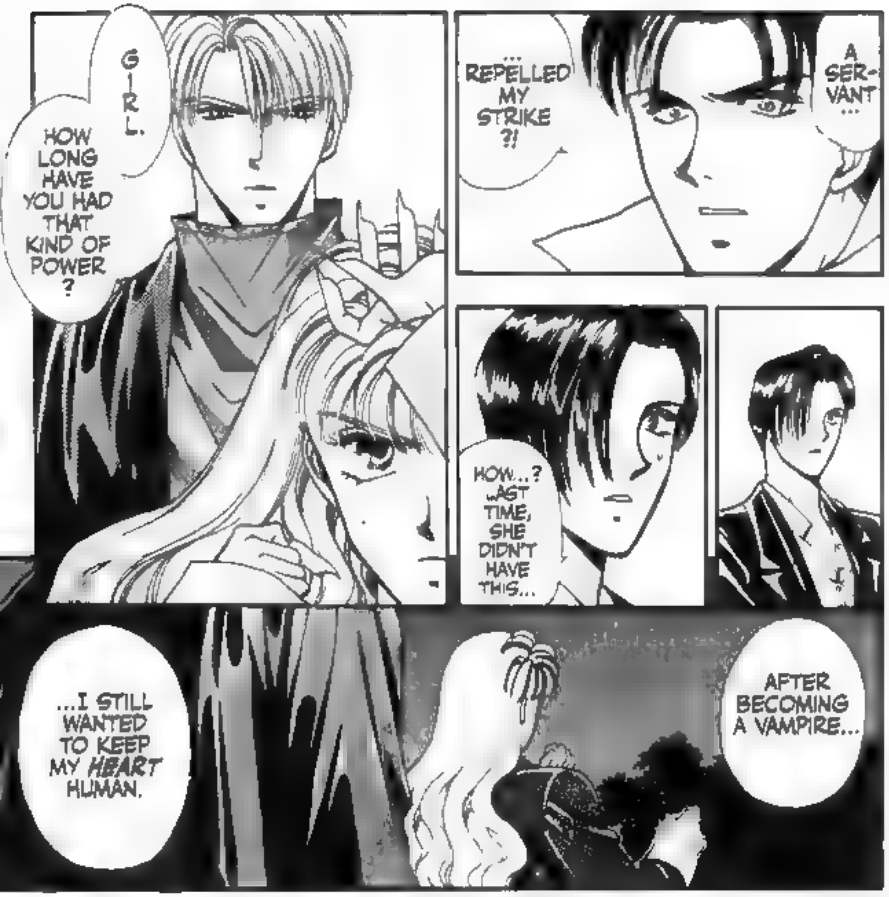
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THE LAW, ROD.
WHO'S HE?
ONE OF THE CANDIDATES TO BECOME THE NEXT LEADER OF THE VAMPIRE CLAN.
MASTER ROD IS ANOTHER ONE
THEY'RE CLOSE FRIENDS, BUT...
SAVING A SERVANT BEHIND YOUR CLOAK IS NO MINOR OFFENSE.
EVEN SOMEONE OF YOUR POSITION HAS OBLIGATIONS TO FULFILL.

WELL, THEN.
.....
SWISH

ARE YOU WILLING TO FIGHT TO PROTECT HER?
SHINEE
WILLING TO FIGHT ME...?
.....

KRAK

CANON!!
GET BACK !!
CRACKLE
YOU...
...IMBECILE !!


GIRL.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD THAT KIND OF POWER?
...REPELLED MY STRIKE?!
A SERVANT...
HOW...? LAST TIME, SHE DIDN'T HAVE THIS...
...I STILL WANTED TO KEEP MY HEART HUMAN.
AFTER BECOMING A VAMPIRE...
...WHEN I TANGLED WITH SAKAKI, I REALIZED...
BUT THE OTHER NIGHT...
WHY I HATED HAVING TO FIGHT.
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T DRINK HUMAN BLOOD.